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The reply filed on 7/29/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): All of the claims must be submitted together including the non-amended claims 14-17 and 22-23, and the claims should be labeled according to their status (e.g. new, amended, previously presented). See 37 CFR 1.111.

Also, the amendment filed on 7/29/03 amending the claims and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention (Fig. 4) because independent claims 1, 18, and 24 require the number of diodes per transmission line to decrease such as taught by non-elected Fig. 5.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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